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### Paul Receives Another Taxpayer Award

Washington, D.C.- Congressman Ron Paul was named a "Taxpayer Hero" this week by Taxpayers for Common Sense (TCS), a national organization which monitors wasteful government spending. Dr. Paul had one of the best voting records in Congress over the past year on matters relating to fiscal responsibility. "Representative Paul is a Taxpayer Hero who voted to treat taxpayer money like his own last year," said TCS president Ralph DeGennaro. "He had the courage during 1999 to cast tough votes against wasteful spending and for fiscal responsibility and reducing the national debt. As a taxpayer, I feel good about putting my money in the hands of Representative Paul." With projected surpluses in Washington, wasteful pork barrel spending appeals to many members of Congress seeking to appropriate money for fiscally reckless programs in their districts. TCS seeks to honor those members who resist temptation and vote for spending and debt reduction. The organization scrutinized 53 key House votes from the first session of the 106th Congress, creating a rating scorecard for each member. The scorecard tallies votes in categories including agriculture, budget, corporate welfare, emergency spending, international affairs, military, public lands, public works, and social programs. The TCS scorecard rating can be viewed at [www.taxpayer.net](http://www.taxpayer.net). "TCS commends all the Taxpayer Heroes, and urges folks to get on the Internet and judge the votes for themselves," DeGennaro said. "Members of both parties and with widely varying ideological philosophies scored well. This shows that the reforms scored by TCS can happen with bipartisan cooperation and support." Dr. Paul is widely known throughout the 14th District of Texas and across the country as an outspoken critic and consistent opponent of federal tax and spending increases. He is a strong advocate for reducing the federal government to its proper constitutional role, regularly voting against spending measures not expressly authorized by the constitution. He has received numerous taxpayer awards in the past from TCS, as well as from the National Taxpayers Union, Citizens against Government Waste, and many other watchdog organizations.

